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For: Wet-Laid Nonwoven Web From Unpulped Natural Fibers And Composite
Containing Same

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and
consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A [wet-laid] nonwoven [fibrous] web material comprising wet-laid fibers wherein the dominant fiber component is unpulped long natural fiber bundles.
3. (amended) The nonwoven web material of claim 1 wherein the natural fiber bundles are selected from [the group consisting of] sisal, abaca, henequen, kenaf and jute.